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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WSYX, Columbus, Ohio, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Ohio Charities	5 a.m. News	Jul 1	6:00 a.m.	3 min	Dozens of local restaurants are donating portions of their sales to feeding the hungry. 5% of sales receipts go to Mid-Ohio Food Banks "Operation Feed" campaign. Each dollar raised equals food to feed two hungry people.
Ohio Charities	5 a.m. News	Sept 28	6:00 a.m.	2 min	The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission received more than \$7 million in funding. \$450,000 is going to Columbus Speech and Hearing where it will be used for training, internships and job placement. Other local programs getting money are: The Center for Vocational Alternatives, Functional Training Services and Rehabilitation Services.
Ohio Laws	11 p.m. News	Jul 1	11:00 p.m.	3 min	New rules for Ohio drivers. Drivers must move over or slow down when they see yellow flashing lights of a tow truck. There is a new speed limit for semi-trucks. They can now go 65 miles an hour on some highways.
Ohio Laws	12 p.m. News	Jul 20	12:30 p.m.	3 min	A new law requires all children under the age of 18 wear a helmet when riding their bikes. The Columbus Fire Department is giving helmets away for free.
Ohio Laws	11 p.m. News	Aug 12	11:00 p.m.	3 min	Senator Ray Miller from Columbus introduced a Bill to prohibit driving a vehicle while using a cell phone. The bill would make using your cell phone while driving a secondary offense which means they would have to see you use it to pull you over.
Ohio Laws	5 a.m. News	Sept 25	5:00 a.m.	2 min	Ohio Attorney General offered his support for a bill that would close loopholes for Payday Lenders. The bill will cap the annual percentage rate of most loans under \$1,000 to 20%. Under current conditions Payday Lenders can charge as much as 300%.
Ohio Laws	12 p.m. News	Sept 25	12:30 p.m.	3 min	Representative Kevin Bacon is supporting the Sales Tax Holiday. It will boost the States economy. If approved it would give Ohioans a 5.5% tax break two times a year. It would be on clothing, school supplies including; computers, software, clothing and sporting goods.
Ohio Laws	11 p.m. News	Sept 29	11:00 p.m.	3 min	In less than a week the new child safety seat law will take effect her in Ohio. The law mandates booster seats for children ages 4 to 8 who weight more than 40lbs and are shorter than 4ft 9in.

Ohio Economy	12 p.m. News	Jul 17	12:00 a.m.	3 min	For the 7 th month, Ohio's unemployment rate jumped to 11.1% in June. That's up a fraction from May. The unemployment rate hasn't been this high since 1983. Nearly 280,000 Ohioans have lost their jobs.
		Jul 21	12:00 a.m.	2 min	New reports show that Franklin, Union and Delaware counties are reporting a 9% unemployment rate. Pickaway, Licking and Fayette reported 10%, while Crawford county reported nearly 17%.
	11 p.m. News	Aug 21	11:00 p.m.	3 min	Ohio's unemployment rate is still heading in the wrong direction. New numbers released today show the rate hit 11.2% in July. The rate hasn't been this high since 29 years ago. This time last year the rate was at 6.7%.
Ohio Economy	11 p.m. News	Jul 23	11:00 p.m.	3 min	Reduced state funding forced the Ohio Historical Society to cut more than 30 jobs. They Historical Society have already cut more than 200 jobs.
Ohio Economy	12:00 p.m. News	Jul 9	12:30 p.m.	3 min	Marysville Ohio based Scotts-Miracle Grow will close all Smith and Hawken stores by the end of the year. Scotts tried to sell the chain but executives decided it would be cheaper to shut them down.
	5 a.m. News	Jul 16	6:30 a.m.	2 min	A \$28 million expansion project could mean at least 200 new jobs in Central Ohio. A new manufacturing plant will be constructed for making ingredients for Scott's E-Z Seed product.
		Sept 10	6:00 a.m.	3 min	Scott's Miracle-Gro in Marysville is about to hire 100 new workers. The company is expanding to process more E-Z Seedn, one of its most popular products. The new facility will be in Orrville.
Ohio Economy	5 a.m. News	Aug 17	5:00 a.m.	3 min	A company wants to move in a race track at the Cooper Stadium, once home to the Columbus Clippers, but a local group worries about the noise levels which will lower property values. Roar's, a company hired for a noise study company found noise levels would be loud enough to wake residents in several neighborhoods and would exceed levels set by the Columbus Noise Code.
Ohio Economy	5 p.m. News	Aug 18	6:30 p.m.	2 min	For the first time in State history, Ohio has been placed in Fiscal Emergency which means a county or local government is in danger of failing to pay its bills.
Ohio Economy	5 a.m. News	Sept 14	5:30 a.m.	3 min	US Railroad LLC wants to build a \$14 million dollar factory in Gahanna. It will require nearly \$9 million in stimulus funds. The Ohio Rail Commission is sponsoring the company's stimulus application.
Ohio Economy	12 p.m. News	Sept 15	12:30 p.m.	3 min	Seven race tracks have made the deadline in paying their application fees of \$100,000 including Beulah Park and Scioto Downs. A couple of the tracks already paid their first installment of the \$13 million dollar fee to be applied to the cost of slot machine license.
Ohio Economy	5 a.m. News	Sept 17	5:30 a.m.	2 min	Trucking giant Schneider National is closing two operating centers including one here in Ohio. They will be closing the one in Seville, Ohio where 55 employees will lose their jobs.

Ohio Economy	5 a.m. News	Sept 18	6:00 a.m.	3 min	The State of Ohio can force grocery stores to pay a commercial activities tax. That ruling Is from the Ohio Supreme Court. Grocers argued that the State Constitution bans tax on food bought and eaten in another location. The high court ruled the tax is not on the food, it is for the privilege for doing business in Ohio.
Ohio Economy	11 p.m. News	Sept 21	11:00 p.m.	3 min	State employees had agreed on taking furlough days to save money on the State budget. Now they are using one of those days to come together and build a house for Habitat for Humanity.
Columbus Economy	6 p.m. News	Jul 10	6:30 p.m.	3 min	In an effort to cut costs, the US Postal service is looking to close 33 branches in the Columbus area. The postal service says they are not planning any layoffs even if they close offices. The postal service is losing about \$20 million a day.
Columbus Economy	12 p.m. News	Jul 29	12:30 p.m.	2 min	The Department of Justice will give Columbus \$12.7 million over the next 3 years to hire or retain 50 police officers. The City says it still needs to pass the upcoming Levy to keep 200 officers. The City says the funding is a good start but they need more to close the \$100 million deficit.
Ohio Education	5 a.m. News	Aug 25	6:30 a.m.	3 min	Cash strapped school districts across Ohio are cutting bus service. The proposed cuts could affect everything from parents work schedules to student's attendance. Many worry for the student's safety because of crossing highways and dangerous intersections to get to classes.
Ohio Education	5 p.m. News	Aug 4	5:30 p.m.	3 min	Ohio State University has opened it's newly renovated library in the heart of the campus on Neil Avenue. The new library features skylights, glass walls and a flying staircase. Library directors say it is very important to keep a building's historical look along with keeping with the times.
Ohio Education	5 p.m. News	Aug 20	5:00 p.m.	3 min	The number of Ohio high school seniors taking the ACT is 64%. Ohio's average score of 21.7 remained the same as 2008 despite the fact that the number of test takers grew. The state out performed the national average of 21.1. Under Ohio's new education policy the ACT will become a requirement for graduation.
Ohio Education	11 p.m. News	Aug 26	11:00 p.m.	3 min	Ohio's student achievement returned to a ten year high. That is according to a new report from the State School Board. The report found 116 districts deemed excellent with distinction. However, the data shows test scores in the fifth and eighth grades failed to meet targets.
Columbus Education	5 p.m. News	Jul 13	5:00 p.m.	3 min	Columbus City Schools have received nearly 70 brand new school buses. The new buses include new safety features, like reduced emissions that will save the district nearly \$300,000 a year in maintenance.
Ohio Health Issues	5 a.m. News	Jul 14	5:00 a.m.	3 min	The state of Ohio will soon receive nearly \$10 million to help health officials continue to prepare for the H1N1 virus.
		July 22	5:30 a.m.	3 min	There is a new vaccine for the flu season. This vaccine does not protect against the Swine Flu. The shot is designed to fight off the seasonal flu. It is never 100% effective but the FDA recommends it as a first line of defense.

Ohio Health Issues	5 a.m. News	Jul 28	5:30 a.m.	3 min	Columbus Public Health is trying to stop the spread of the West Nile virus near the fairgrounds. Crews were out early fogging areas around the fairgrounds. Last week the Columbus Public Health confirmed this year's first two cases of the virus within city limits.
Ohio Health Issues	11 p.m. News	Sept 16	11:00 p.m.	3 min	The environmental Protection Agency has approved a request to designate 6 counties in the Columbus area as now meeting Federal Air Quality Standards.
Columbus Drug Problem Issues	5 a.m. News	Aug 4	5:00 a.m.	3 min	Columbus Police are battling a growing problem with heroin in the city. Heroin has gotten cheaper over the years and investigators say they are seeing more teens and college students getting hooked on painkillers and switching to heroin because it's cheaper.